Dewan.—The question will be favourably considered and sanction will be accorded for the construction of a shed.

When Mr. C. Srinivasa Rao wanted to speak about the District Fund roads in the Kadur District, he was told that as this question applied to all districts, it may be discussed while discussing the general subjects.

CHITALDRUG DISTRICT.

(Nos. 140 to 148.)

SUBJECT No. 140.

Discontinuance of the collection of Railway Cess in the Chitaldrug District and the surplus of railway cess to be handed over to the District Board.

Messrs. Sati Halappa, Chitaldrug Taluk and Anandathirtha Rao, Chitaldrug District Board.

Mr. Sati Halappa.—For the past ten years railway cess is being collected in the Chitaldrug District and as there is no prospect of extending the railway line just at present, the collection of railway cess may be suspended. We will have no objection to its being imposed again in case any extension of the line is undertaken. Till then this may be suspended as it is a great burden on the people.

Mr. Karnick Krishna Murthi Rao.—Railway Cess does not seem to be a permanent one. It should be imposed only whenever necessary.

First Member of Council.—There is every likelihood of the line being extended from Chickjajur to Hiriyur and onward and it is not desirable to suspend this now and revive it when the work of extension is undertaken. I do not think it is possible.

Dewan.—The Railway line costs about 20 lakhs of rupees. There is no justification in your saying that you cannot pay railway cess. The amount of the railway cess is kept in deposit and Government is not utilising it. Government is already giving a lot of interest on the money invested in this line. The prayer for the suspension of the levy of the cess cannot be adopted in any particular district, since other districts also may begin to ask for a similar concession. I have already stated in my reply to the address presented to me by the District Board and the Municipal Council of Chitaldrug that the levy of the railway cess cannot be held in abeyance. I am sorry I cannot give any other reply than the one already given.

SUBJECT No. 141.

More facilities in the Chickjajur-Chitaldrug Railway.

Mr. S. Virabhadrappa, Chitaldrug Taluk.

Summary of Discussion.—As great inconvenience is felt at present by the third class passengers for want of accommodation in the Chitaldrug-Chikjajur Railway it is prayed.—

(1) that the number of carriages may be increased,

(2) that a waiting room may be provided at Chikjajur at an early date, and

(3) that the trains between Chikjajur and Chitaldrug may be arranged to run two times a day to and fro.

Dewan.—(1) An additional four-wheeler will be put on.

(2) A waiting shed for third class passengers will be put up at Chikjajur Station on the Mysore Railways.

(3) Will be given a trial from 1st January.

SUBJECT No. 142.

Opening of a tramway service from Hari-

Summary of Discussion.—It is prayed that a tramway service may be opened by Government between Harihar and Shimoga *via* Malebennur, Honnali and Aiyanur as the same will tend to improve the trade on the line. At